

SEC. 26. The board of aldermen shall prescribe a penalty for the failure of any aldermen to attend a regular meeting of the board, or a special meeting of which he shall have had notice, unless prevented by cause satisfactory to the board; said penalty shall not be less than one dollar, and it shall be the duty of the mayor to enforce collection of the same.

Penalty on aldermen for failure to attend meetings.

SEC. 27. That the board of aldermen shall elect or appoint some member of their board or other discreet person, a qualified voter of the town, "mayor *pro tempore*," who, in the absence, sickness or other disqualification of the mayor to act, or in case of vacancy, or upon request of the mayor, shall perform all the duties and shall have and exercise all the powers, authority and jurisdiction of the mayor, and during such time shall receive the fees and emoluments of the office.

Mayor pro tem.

SEC. 27a. That the aldermen, at the first meeting after their election, or as soon thereafter as convenient, shall elect or appoint a clerk, a treasurer, an attorney, a tax collector, a chief of police, a street overseer, and shall have power, from time to time, to appoint such policemen or police force as the good government of the town may require, and may appoint such other officers or employees as they may deem best for the government of the town.

Aldermen to elect other officers.

SEC. 28. The following officers, mayor, aldermen, city clerk, treasurer, city attorney, chief of police, policemen, tax collector, street overseer, registrars and judges of election, and all other officers elected by the voters of the town, shall, before acting, each take and subscribe the oath prescribed by article six, section seven of the Constitution of North Carolina, and such additional oath as may be required by this charter or by the board of aldermen, and all other officers or employees elected or appointed by the mayor or board of aldermen shall take and subscribe such oath as may be required by this act or by the mayor and aldermen.

Oaths of officers and employees.

Official oaths shall be taken before the mayor or other officer authorized to administer oaths, and be filed with the mayor, and by him filed or recorded in a book kept for that purpose.

Oaths to be taken before mayor and filed.

All officers or employees appointed or elected by the board of aldermen shall be elected or appointed to serve during the pleasure of the board, unless otherwise herein provided: *Provided*, if so specified in the order appointing or electing, they shall serve until the next election for mayor and aldermen, and then continue until their successors are elected and qualified, subject, however, to be removed at any time by the aldermen for misbehavior or neglect of duty. Before entering upon the discharge of their duties, the tax collector and the treasurer shall each give bond in a sum of not less than two thousand dollars, which may be increased at the discretion of the aldermen, and all other officers appointed by the board may be required to give bond in such sum as the aldermen may determine, and all bonds shall be condi-

Officers and employees to serve at pleasure of board.

Proviso: term specified.

Tax collector and treasurer to give bond.

Bonds of other officers.